## **REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, a Cross-Reference To Related Applications is being added to the specification.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 have been amended, and new claims 11 and 12 have been added, in order to bring the form thereof into compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. patent practice including removing all multiple claim dependencies. These amendments are made relative to the Article 34 amendments included in the IPER. The Abstract has also been amended in order to bring the form thereof into compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter is believed to be added and the amendments are not believed to affect the scope of the amended claims.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

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